

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Canceled).

2. (Previously presented) The screw fastening structure according to claim 9, wherein:

the resinous portion has a round through hole for guiding the male-threaded portion to be engaged therewith;

the adhesive is applied in its non-hardened state to the inner surface of the through hole before the male-threaded portion is threadably engaged with the inner surface of the through hole; and

the adhesive is hardened after the male-threaded portion is threadably engaged with the through hole.

3. (Currently amended) A screw fastening structure comprising:

a screw having a male-threaded portion and a screw head, which is positioned at an end of the screw in opposition to an engaging side of the screw; and

a housing including a resinous portion to be threadably engaged with the male-threaded portion, wherein:

the resinous portion has a round through hole for guiding the male-threaded portion to be engaged therewith, said through hole extending completely through said resinous portion;

the resinous portion has a clearance inlet hole around an inlet of and concentrically with the through hole; and

an inner diameter of the clearance inlet hole is larger than an outer diameter of the male-threaded portion.

4. (Original) The screw fastening structure according to claim 3, wherein the clearance inlet hole has a tapering shape, where the inner diameter of the clearance inlet hole becomes smaller in a screwing direction of the screw.

5. (Previously presented) A screw fastening structure comprising:
a screw having a male-threaded portion and a screw head, which is positioned at an end of the screw in opposition to an engaging side of the screw; and
a housing including a resinous portion having a through hole to be threadably engaged with the male-threaded portion, wherein the length of the male-threaded portion is shorter than the length of the through hole so that the male-threaded portion should not be projected from the outlet of the through hole when engaged therewith.

6. (Currently amended) A screw fastening structure comprising:
a screw having a male-threaded portion; and
a housing including a resinous portion to be threadably engaged with the male-threaded portion, wherein the resinous portion has a round through hole for guiding the male-threaded portion to be engaged therewith, said through hole extending completely through said resinous portion, and the resinous portion has a clearance portion around an outlet of and concentrically with the through hole .

7. (Previously presented) The screw fastening structure according to claim 6, wherein the clearance portion is a clearance outlet hole, the inner diameter of which is larger than the outer diameter of the male-threaded portion.

8. (Original) The screw fastening structure according to claim 6, wherein the clearance portion is formed by a chamfered outlet portion.

9. (Previously presented) A screw fastening structure comprising:
a screw having a male-threaded portion;
a housing including a resinous portion to be threadably engaged with the male-threaded portion; and
an adhesive permeating between the male-threaded portion and the resinous portion, wherein the housing is a throttle housing, which is used for a throttle valve system and has a bore portion in which a throttle valve is rotatably installed;
the resinous portion is a boss-shaped portion that projects from an outer wall of the throttle housing; and
the screw is a tapping screw for controlling one of an opened degree and a closed degree of the throttle valve.

10. (Previously presented) A screw fastening structure comprising:
a screw having a male-threaded portion;
a housing including a resinous portion to be threadably engaged with the male-threaded portion; and
an adhesive permeating between the male-threaded portion and the resinous portion, wherein:
the housing is a throttle housing, which is used for a throttle valve system and has a bore portion in which a throttle valve is rotatably installed;
the resinous portion is a boss-shaped portion that projects from an outer wall of the throttle housing; and
the screw is a fastening screw for fastening an attachment member, having a through hole, to the boss-shaped portion.

11. (Currently amended) A screw fastening structure comprising:
a screw having a male-threaded portion;
a housing including a resinous portion to be threadably engaged with the male-threaded portion; and

an adhesive permeating between the male-threaded portion and the resinous portion, wherein the male-threaded portion has a non-circular shape in its cross-section that is perpendicular to an axial, screw advancing direction of the male-threaded portion, wherein the male-threaded portion has a non-circular shape in plan view.

12. (Original) The screw fastening structure according to claim 11, wherein the non-circular shape is a substantially triangle shape.

13. (Currently amended) The screw fastening structure according to claim 10, wherein:

the resinous portion has a round through hole for guiding the male-threaded portion to be engaged therewith;

the adhesive is applied in its non-hardened state to the inner surface of the through hole before the male-threaded portion is threadably engaged with the inner surface of the through hole; and

the adhesive is hardened after the male-threaded portion is threadably engaged with the through hole.

14. (Currently amended) The screw fastening structure according to claim 11, wherein:

the resinous portion has a round through hole for guiding the male-threaded portion to be engaged therewith, said through hole extending completely through said resinous portion;

the adhesive is applied in its non-hardened state to the inner surface of the through hole before the male-threaded portion is threadably engaged with the inner surface of the through hole; and

the adhesive is hardened after the male-threaded portion is threadably engaged with the through hole.

15. (Previously presented) The screw fastening structure according to claim 5, wherein

the screw has a non-threaded portion, which is positioned at an end of the screw in opposition to the side of the screw head,

the non-threaded portion has non male threads, and

the non-threaded portion projects from the outlet of the through hole.

16. (Previously presented) The screw fastening structure according to claim 6, wherein the male-threaded portion has a length that is longer than a length of the through hole in an axial, screw advancing direction.

Claim 17. (canceled).